



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2673

Application No.: 10/022,235

Examiner: D. Lewis

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For: IMAGE DISPLAY DEVICE AND DRIVING METHOD THEREOF

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Further to the May 3 personal interview with Examiner Lewis, and in reply to the February 7, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-20 are pending.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Lewis in the May 3 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Gates (U.S. Patent No. 6,531,997 B1) in view of Inoue (JP 401086116A) and Evans (U.S. Patent No. 3,612,758). Based on Applicants' review of the Office Action, Applicants presume that Evans was also applied to reject the claims. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

In particular, Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of Gates, Inoue and Evans does not disclose or suggest a time period in which the voltage is applied that